MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member the necessity for a Manager, Financial Assistant, Personal Assistant and Deputy Director in the office of the Director of Public Instruction ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I can only refer the member to the Report of the Education Reforms Committee which shows at considerable length the necessity for increasing the staff of the officers in the head office.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I ask whether the appointment of the Principal of the Arts College as Deputy Director is not against the suggestion made in the Report ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : No, it was a direct result of the recommendation in the Report.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Is it not stated in the Report that the Deputy Director must be an officer having administrative experience in the department ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : No, the recommendation was that an officer must be appointed in order that he may gain administrative experience.

Chief Examiner for History for the V. S. L. C. Examination in 1109.

244. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether one Mr. K. M. John, B. A., L. T., Headmaster, Mission Training School, Varkala, was first appointed as the Chief Examiner in History for this year's (1109) V. S. L. C. Examination ;

(*b*) whether he was an applicant for the place ;

(*c*) whether he is not a Science Graduate ; and

(*d*) the number of applications received by the Director of Public Instruction from History Graduates for the Chief Examinership in History for this year's (1109) V. S. L. C. Examination ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 3.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I put supplementary questions, in English, Sir ?

PRESIDENT : Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the considerations which weighed with the Deputy Director in making the appointments ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The appointments were made by the Director himself and not by the Deputy Director.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the considerations which weighed with the Director of Public Instruction in appointing Mr. John as Chief Examiner for History ?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It was a genuine mistake. When he was appointed, it was done under the impression that he was a History graduate. As soon as it was learnt that he was a Science graduate, the appointment was cancelled.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Director made any enquiries of Mr. John's qualifications before he appointed him as Chief Examiner for History?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. John was considered suitable for a Chief Examiner's post, and I accepted the report from my subordinates that he was a History graduate. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a mistake. But the mistake was discovered very soon and immediately rectified.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam* I): May I know whether the practice of receiving applications for examiners' posts is in vogue in the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Mr. John had not stated in his application that he was a Science graduate?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. John did not apply for the Chief Examiner's post.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Was any action taken against the subordinate who made the false report?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It cannot be said that the report was *false*. We appointed a very large number of Examiners so that this mistake occurred. But, as I said, the error was very soon discovered and immediately rectified. There was therefore no necessity to take any action against anybody.

The Travancore Athletic Association.

245. ❋ MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount is given as grant to the Travancore Athletic Association;

(*b*) if so, what is the amount; and

(*c*) what is the amount spent by the Cochin Government on the Cochin Athletic Association?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 450 per annum.

(*c*) Government have no information.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With reference to part (*c*), may I know whether the Government will be pleased to get that information?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not think it necessary; but if the member wants it, Government will reconsider the question.

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